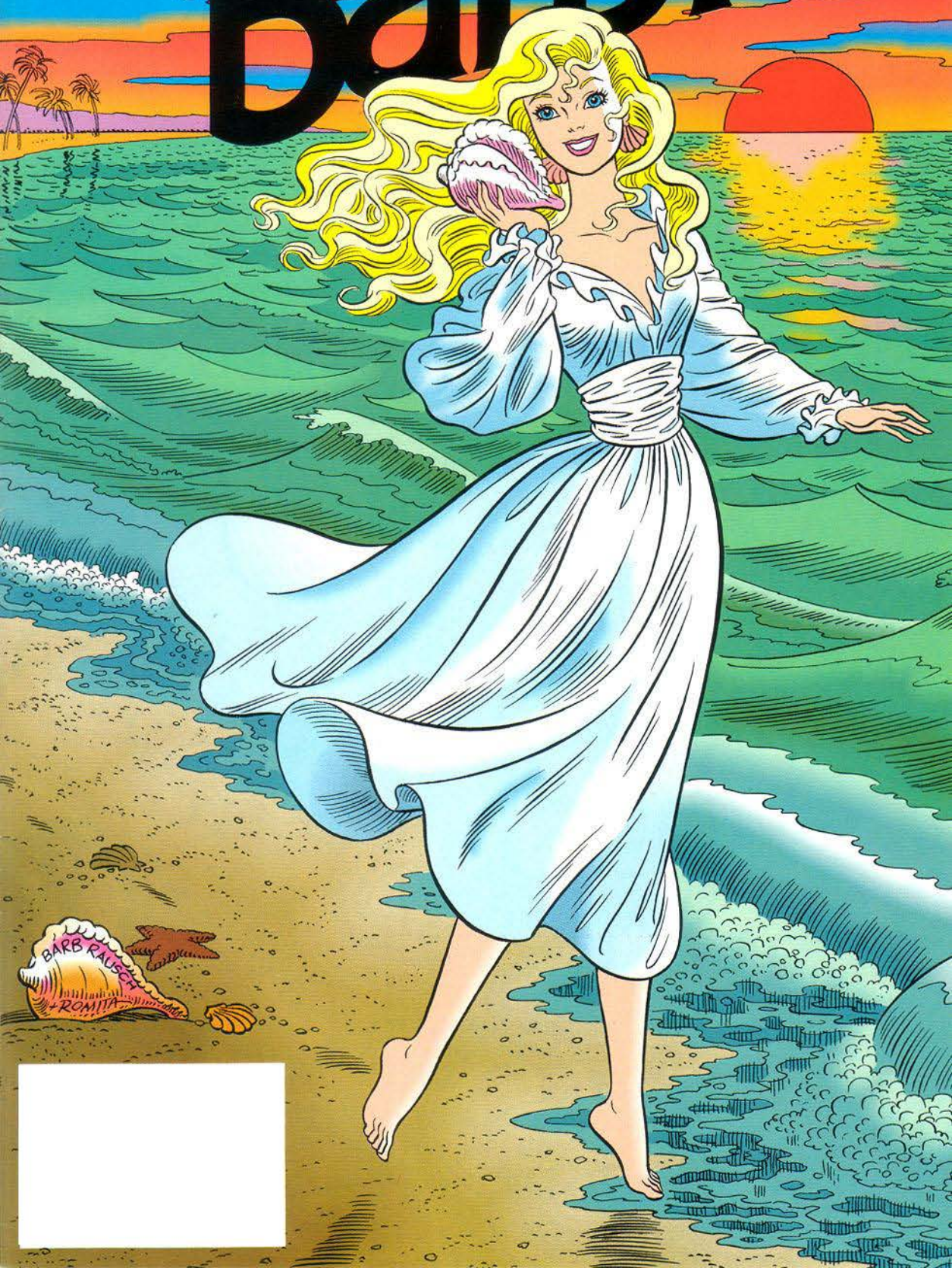


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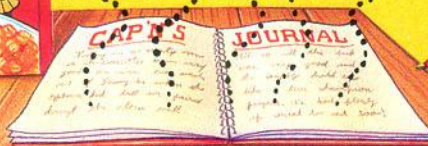
Don't

Helped Tim with speech. Told him to pick a topic he enjoys. Tim picked mountain bikes. We had a bowl of my delicious cereal. Sent blue suit to cleaners.

Took Tim his favorite cereal, Cap'n Crunch. He's not sure about giving a speech to his class.

Tim's speech is getting better. Got him to imagine his audience in their underwear. So he wouldn't be so nervous. Brought Tim 2 more boxes of crunch. He loves that sweet crunchy taste!

Tim can't wait to give speech. Maybe all he needed was to Crunch up his confidence. Cleaned my room. Have to stop eating my cereal in bed. Tim's speech was terrific! Got applause from the whole class. I knew he could do it. Weekend! Time to go to national speed boat races!

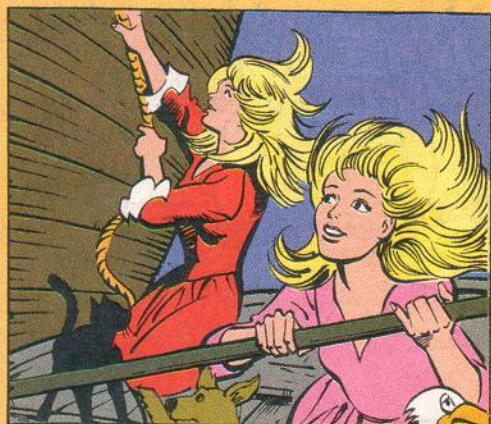


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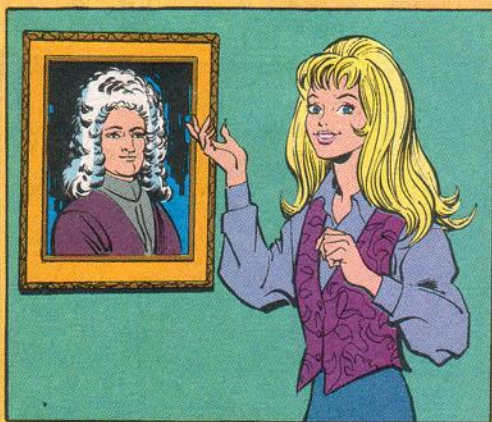
## SHIPWRECKED

Sailing the  
stormy sea  
with Barbie!

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DID YOU KNOW?  
A novel idea!

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# SHIPWRECKED!

## PART 1: SAIL OF THE CENTURY

DID YOU CHOOSE  
A NOVEL FOR YOUR  
BOOK REPORT, SKIPPER?

I SURE  
DID,  
SONIA!

OF ALL THE  
BOOKS ON OUR  
TEACHER'S LIST,  
THIS ONE SEEMS  
THE MOST  
EXCITING!

EXCITING?

HA!

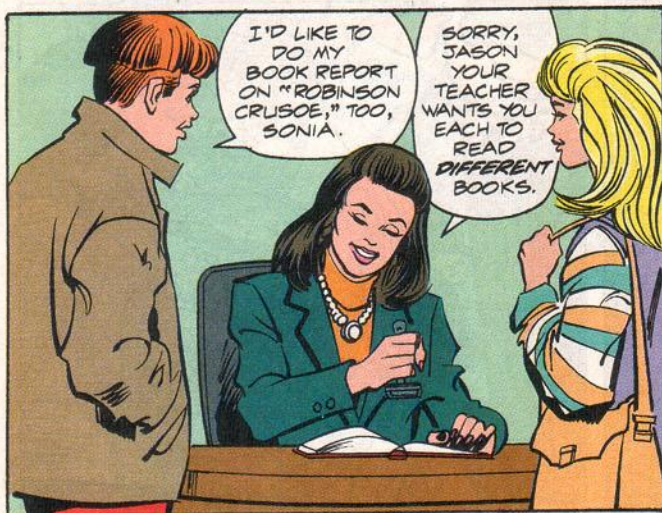
YOU PROBABLY  
CHOSE ONE OF  
THOSE GIRLY  
ROMANCE  
STORIES.

ROMANCES  
ARE NICE, JASON...  
BUT I PICKED  
AN ADVENTURE!

I CAN'T WAIT  
TO READ IT!

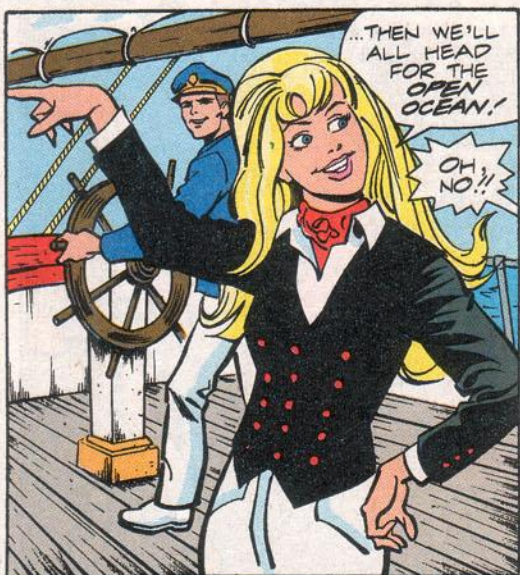
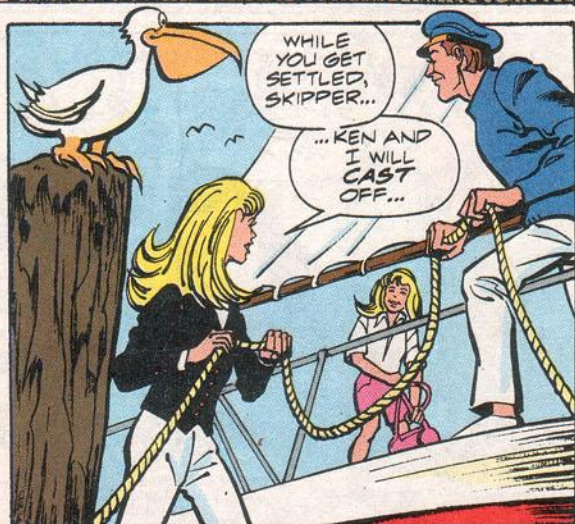
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WHAT'S IT  
CALLED?



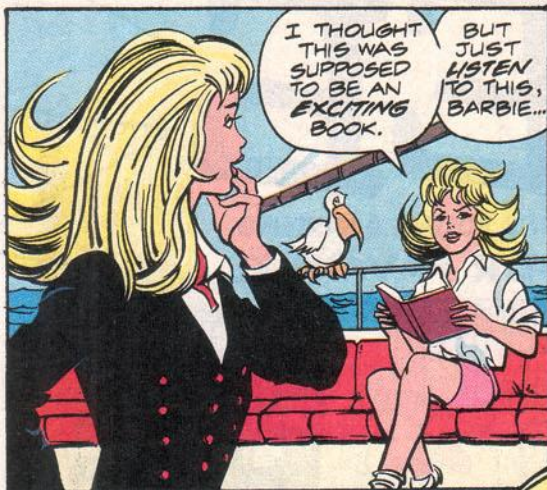




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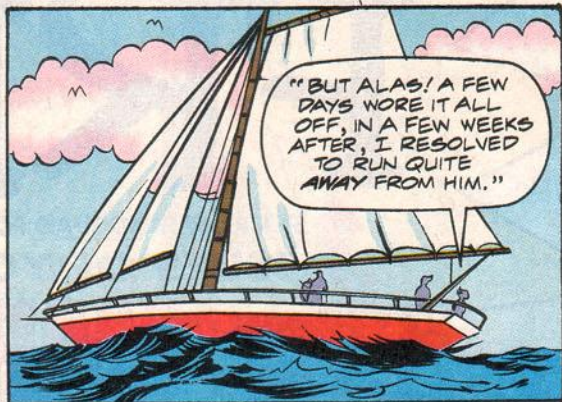






I THOUGHT THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AN EXCITING BOOK.

BUT JUST LISTEN TO THIS, BARBIE...



"BUT ALAS! A FEW DAYS WORE IT ALL OFF, IN A FEW WEEKS AFTER, I RESOLVED TO RUN QUITE AWAY FROM HIM."



THE WORDS ARE SO FUNNY-SOUNDING!

THAT'S THE WAY PEOPLE SPOKE IN THE 1600'S WHEN THE STORY TAKES PLACE.



HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT "ROBINSON CRUSOE?"

I READ IT!

IT'S ABOUT A BOY WHO INSISTS UPON GOING TO SEA.



"HIS FATHER BEGS HIM NOT TO GO..."

IF YOU TAKE THIS FOOLISH STEP...

...YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE AND NO ONE TO HELP YOU!

BUT GOING TO SEA IS MY DREAM!

SO, ROBINSON CRUSOE RUNS AWAY AND IS IN ONE TERRIBLE STORM AFTER ANOTHER. BUT THE LAST IS THE WORST.



REALLY? WHAT HAPPENS, BARBIE?

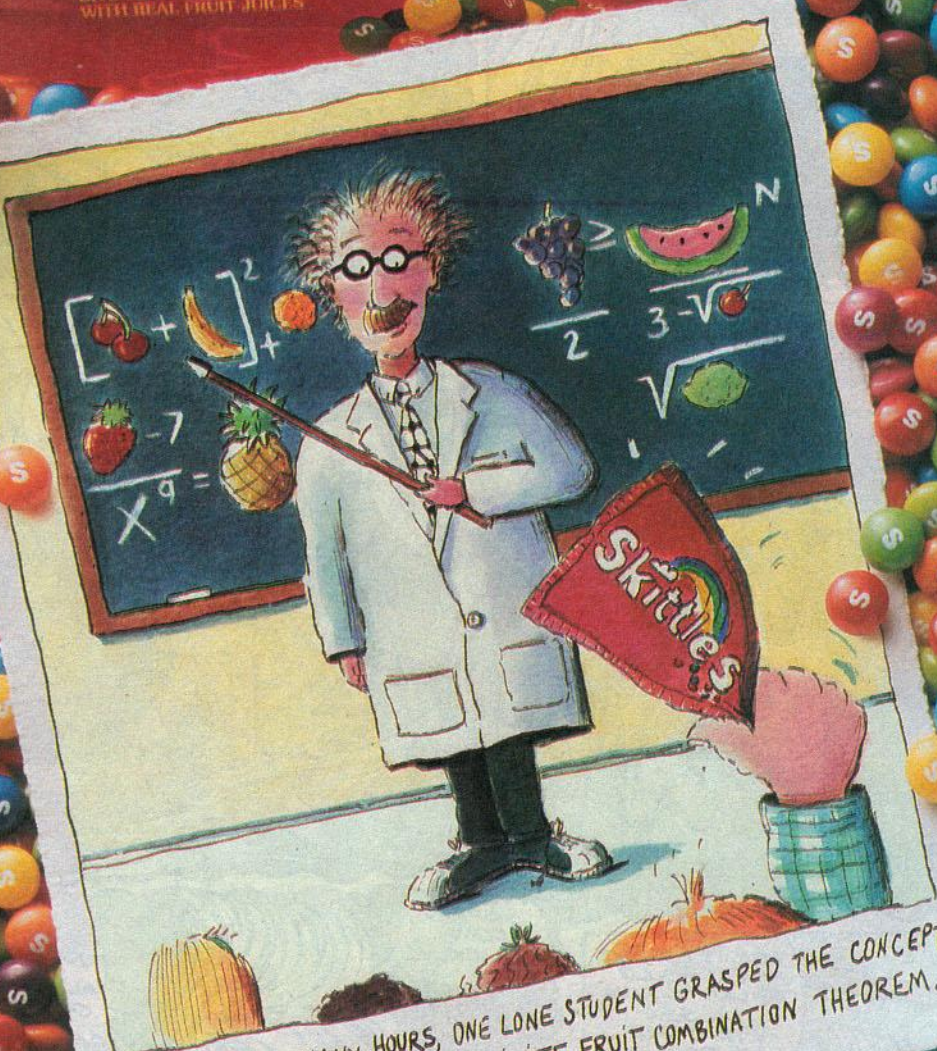


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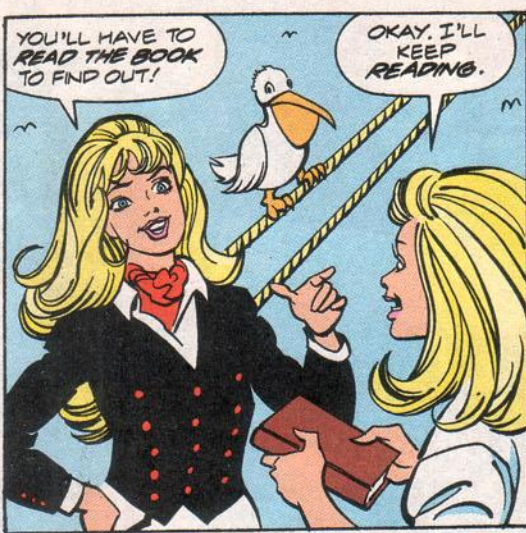
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WITH REAL FRUIT JUICES

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NATURALLY FLAVORED



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YOU'LL HAVE TO READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT!

OKAY. I'LL KEEP READING.



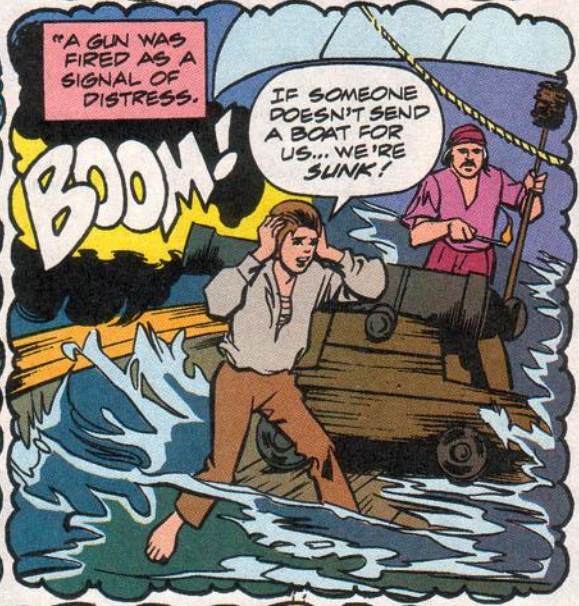
"IT BLEW A TERRIBLE STORM, INDEED..."

WHOOSH!



"IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT..."

WE'VE SPRUNG A LEAK! ALL HANDS ON DECK!



"A GUN WAS FIRED AS A SIGNAL OF DISTRESS."

BOOM!

IF SOMEONE DOESN'T SEND A BOAT FOR US... WE'RE SUNK!



WOW... I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE A SEA ADVENTURE LIKE ROBINSON CRUSOE'S...



SKIPPER, COME QUICKLY!

ALL HANDS ON DECK!

MEOW!

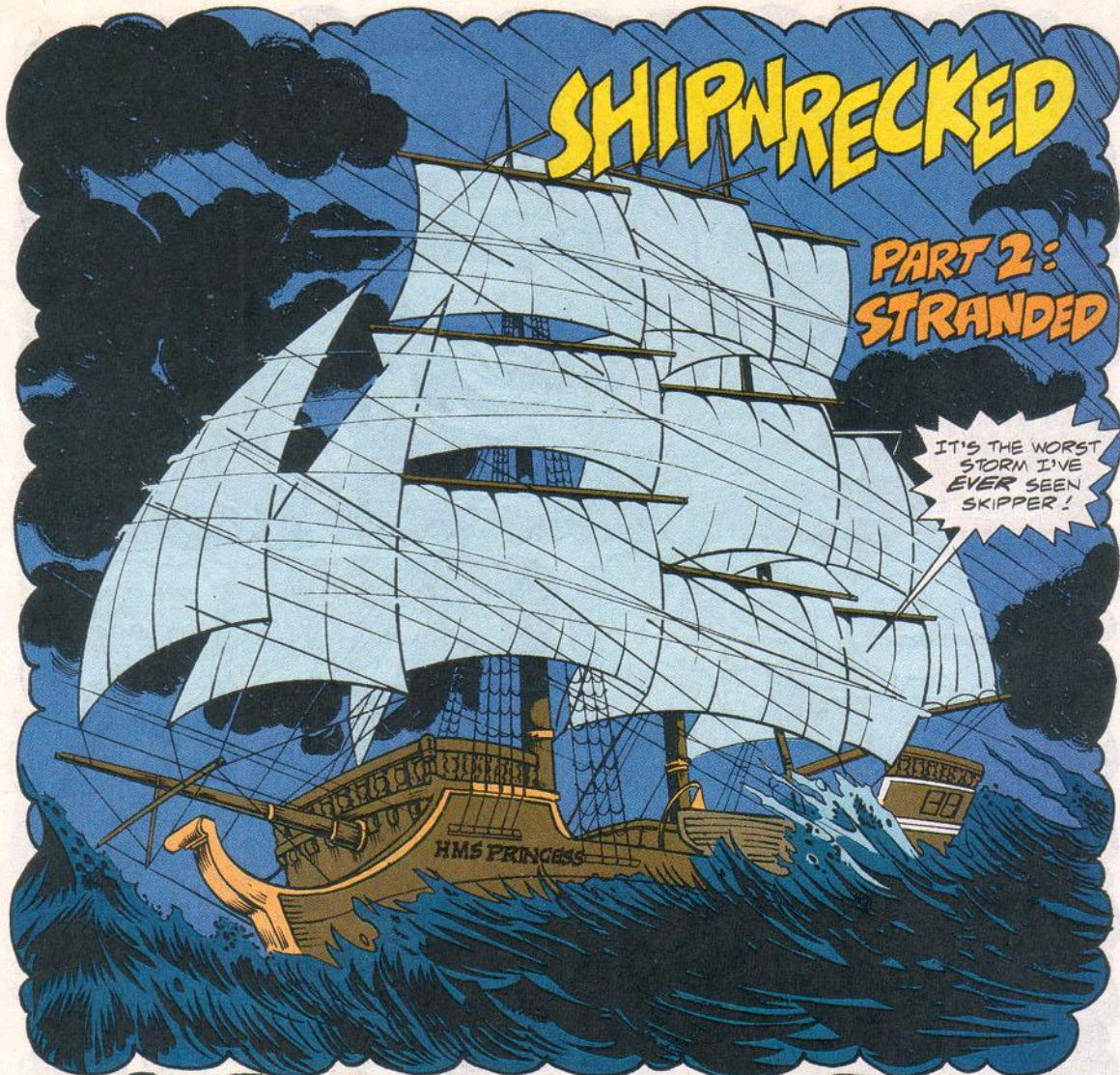
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# SHIPWRECKED

## PART 2: STRANDED

IT'S THE WORST  
STORM I'VE  
EVER SEEN  
SKIPPER!



OUR SHIP IS TAKING ON  
WATER FASTER THAN WE  
CAN BAIL IT OUT!



BARBIE,  
WHAT'LL  
WE DO?!









IF WE PULL AS HARD AS WE CAN, WE'LL GET TO THE SHORE, SKIPPER.

OH, NO! LOOK WHAT'S COMING OUR WAY!

A GIANT WAVE!

HANG ON, SKIPPER!!

SKIPPER, THE WAVE CARRIED US TOWARDS THE SHORE!

YAAAY

WE MADE IT!

BUT WHERE DID WE MAKE IT TO?

ACCORDING TO THIS MAP...

...THIS ISLAND IS UNINHABITED\*

OH, DEAR! THAT MEANS WE'RE CASTAWAYS ON A DESERTED ISLAND...

...WE'LL HAVE NO CONTACT WITH ANYONE ELSE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!

UNINHABITED ISLAND  
CARIBBEAN SEA

RUFF!  
RUFF!

\* NO ONE LIVES THERE--HILDY


WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SHOW US, SCRUFFY?

A FOOT-PRINT!

I BELIEVE THAT BELONGS TO ME.

Sniff  
Sniff



A vibrant illustration of Ariel, the red-haired mermaid, swimming upwards with a joyful expression. She has her arms outstretched. In the bottom left, Flounder, a yellow fish with blue stripes, is also smiling. To the right, a red crab (Sebastian) and a purple shrimp (Gus) are visible. The background is a deep blue sea with green seaweed and bubbles.

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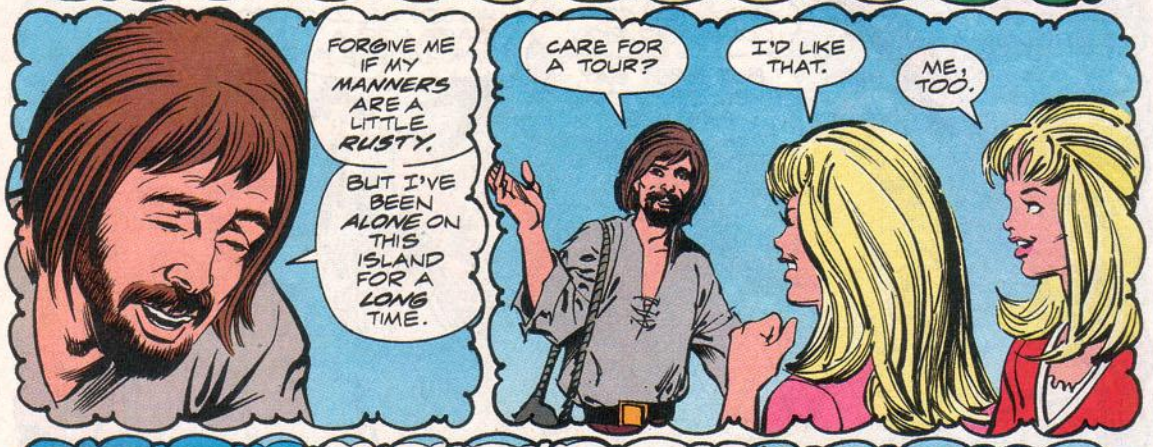


ALLOW ME TO  
INTRODUCE MYSELF.  
I'M ROBINSON  
CRUSOE.

BUT YOU  
CAN CALL  
ME R.C.

HI,  
I'M  
BARBIE.

I'M  
SKIPPER.



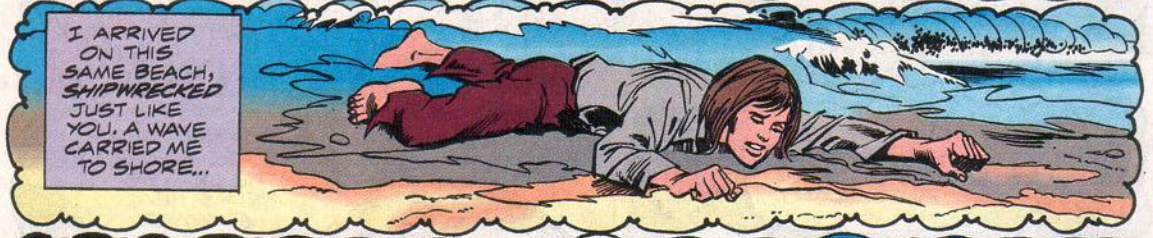
FORGIVE ME  
IF MY  
MANNERS  
ARE A  
LITTLE  
RUSTY.

BUT I'VE  
BEEN  
ALONE ON  
THIS  
ISLAND  
FOR A  
LONG  
TIME.

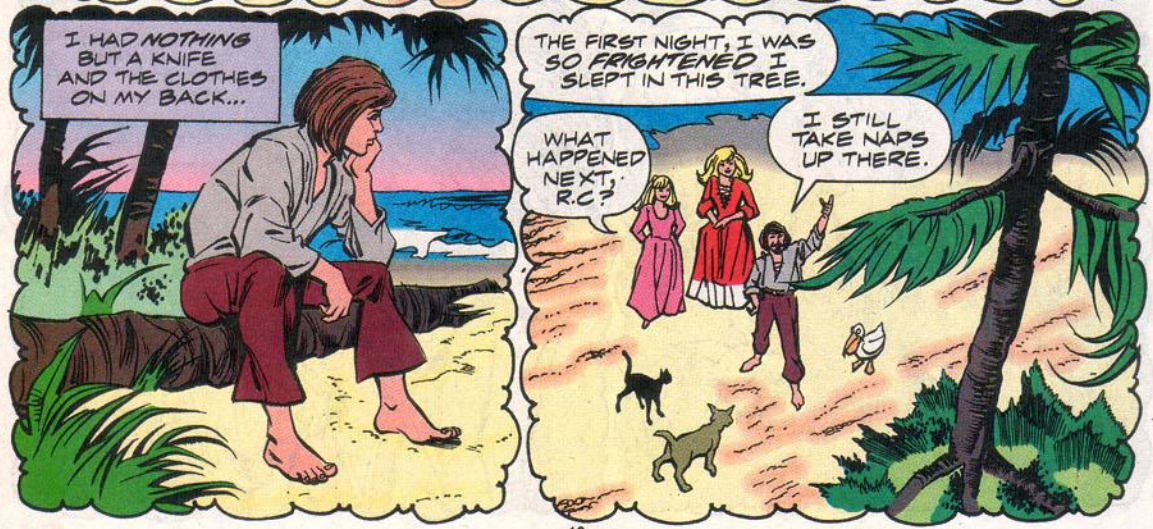
CARE FOR  
A TOUR?

I'D LIKE  
THAT.

ME,  
TOO.



I ARRIVED  
ON THIS  
SAME BEACH,  
SHIPWRECKED  
JUST LIKE  
YOU. A WAVE  
CARRIED ME  
TO SHORE...



I HAD NOTHING  
BUT A KNIFE  
AND THE CLOTHES  
ON MY BACK...

THE FIRST NIGHT, I WAS  
SO FRIGHTENED I  
SLEPT IN THIS TREE.

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
NEXT,  
R.C.?

I STILL  
TAKE NAPS  
UP THERE.



I BUILT THIS  
FORTRESS.

BUT THERE'S  
NO DOOR.

I USE A  
LADDER,  
INSTEAD.

AFTER I'M  
INSIDE I LIFT  
THE LADDER  
OVER...SO NO  
ONE ELSE  
CAN GET  
INSIDE.

LET'S CONTINUE  
AND I'LL SHOW  
YOU MY FAVORITE  
SPOT ON THE  
ISLAND.

**SQUAWK!**

**SQUAWK!  
SQUAWK!**

OKAY, YOU CAN  
COME, TOO, POLL.

BUT FIRST SAY  
"HELLO" TO OUR  
FRIENDS.

HELLO! HELLO!  
CARE FOR A  
PINEAPPLE?

DON'T MIND  
IF I DO!

POLL'S BEEN  
WITH ME  
SINCE SHE  
WAS A  
BABY.

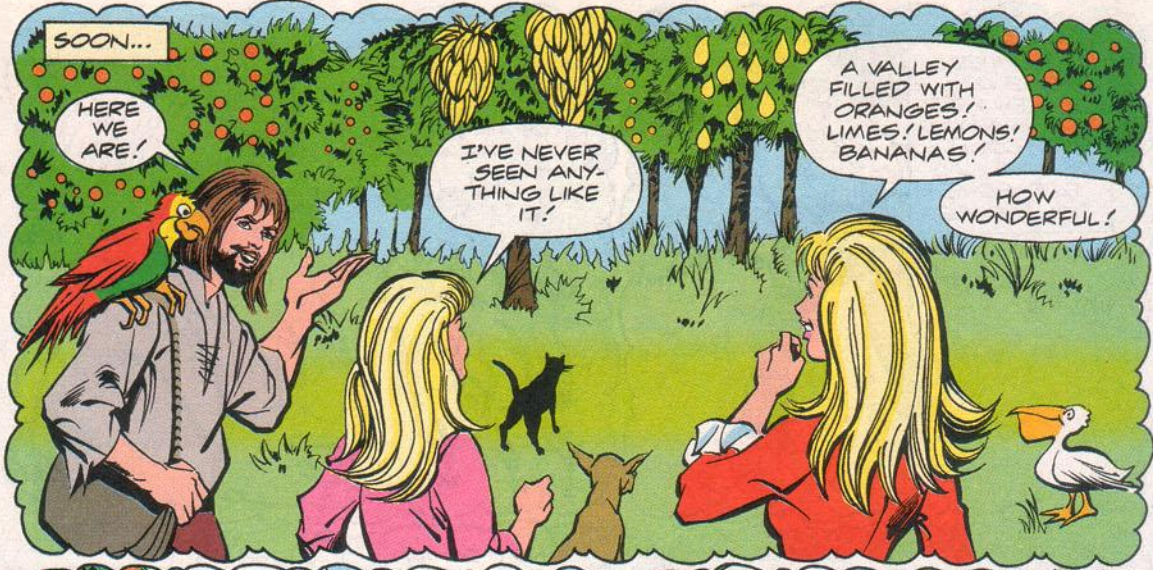
YOU MIGHT BE  
INTERESTED IN  
THIS... IT'S AN  
ALOE PLANT.

DO YOU  
EAT IT,  
R.C.?

NO. BUT THE  
JUICE INSIDE  
THE LEAVES  
HELPS HEAL  
BURNS.

I'LL REMEMBER  
THAT IF I GET  
A SUNBURN!





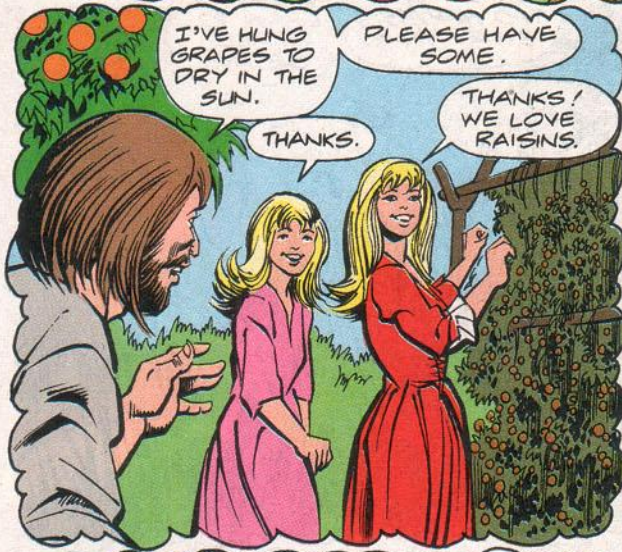
SOON...

HERE WE ARE!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

A VALLEY FILLED WITH ORANGES! LIMES! LEMONS! BANANAS!

HOW WONDERFUL!



I'VE HUNG GRAPES TO DRY IN THE SUN.

PLEASE HAVE SOME.

THANKS.

THANKS! WE LOVE RAISINS.



I LIKED THIS VALLEY SO MUCH THAT I BUILT A HOME HERE.



DOES IT EVER SNOW?

NEVER. INSTEAD OF SUMMER AND WINTER... THE ISLAND HAS A RAINY SEASON AND A DRY SEASON.



LOOK AT THESE FIELDS!

WERE THEY HERE WHEN YOU ARRIVED, R.C.?

NOT AT ALL.



"I EMPTIED  
A BAG OF  
CHICKEN FEED  
ON THE GROUND,  
SO I COULD  
USE THE BAG  
FOR SOME-  
THING ELSE."



"THE SOIL MUST  
HAVE BEEN GOOD  
BECAUSE THE  
GRAIN GREW."



"AFTER THAT I DUG UP THE  
GROUND AND SOWED THE SEED."



NOW I HAVE  
TWO HARVESTS  
EVERY YEAR.

I USE THE  
GRAIN TO  
MAKE  
BREAD.



HERE'S ANOTHER  
FRIEND OF MINE,  
HE LOVES MY BREAD  
BUT THEN...

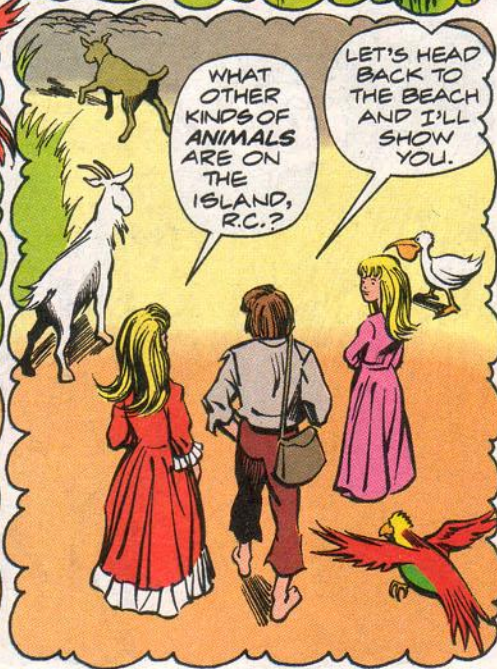
POLL PREFERS  
CRACKERS.  
POLL PREFERS  
CRACKERS.

...GOATS WILL EAT  
ANYTHING, WON'T  
THEY?!



WHAT  
OTHER  
KINDS OF  
ANIMALS  
ARE ON  
THE  
ISLAND,  
R.C.?

LET'S HEAD  
BACK TO  
THE BEACH  
AND I'LL  
SHOW YOU.





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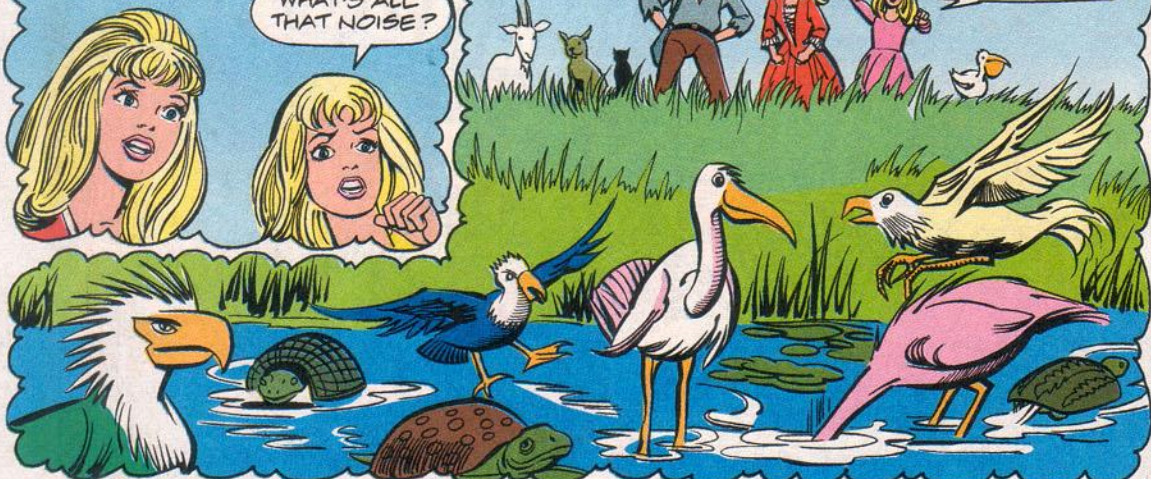
CAW!  
CAW!

SCREECH!  
SQUAK!

WHAT'S ALL  
THAT NOISE?

WE HAVE  
SOME VERY  
VOCAL  
LOCALS!

WOW! THIS SHORE  
IS FILLED WITH  
TURTLES AND  
BIRDS OF ALL  
KINDS!



I'M SURPRISED  
THERE ARE  
PENGUINS IN  
THE CARIBBEAN!

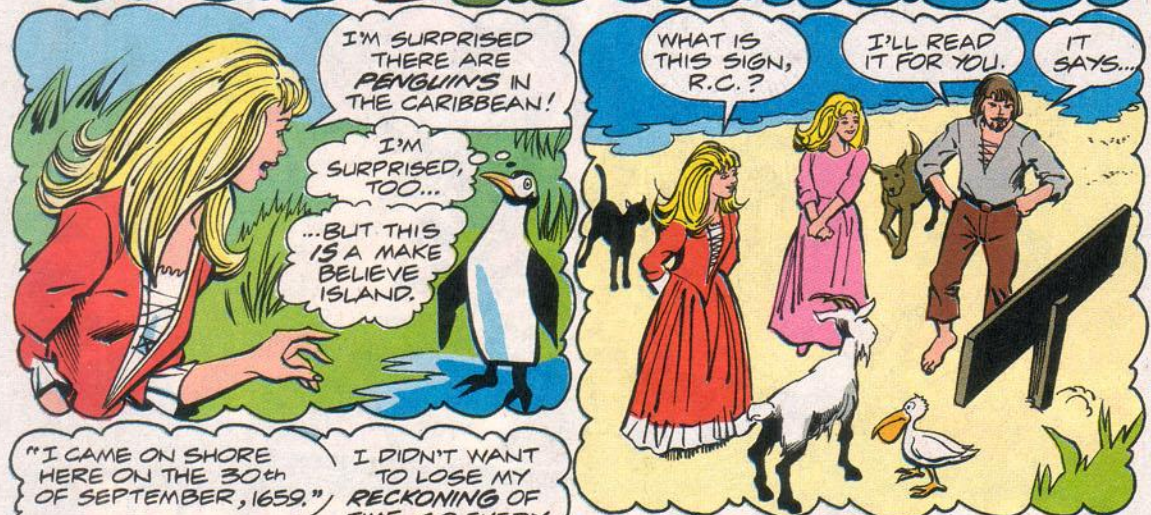
I'M  
SURPRISED,  
TOO...

...BUT THIS  
IS A MAKE  
BELIEVE  
ISLAND.

WHAT IS  
THIS SIGN,  
R.C.?

I'LL READ  
IT FOR YOU.

IT SAYS...



"I CAME ON SHORE  
HERE ON THE 30th  
OF SEPTEMBER, 1659."

I DIDN'T WANT  
TO LOSE MY  
RECKONING OF  
TIME, SO EVERY  
DAY I CUT A NOTCH.

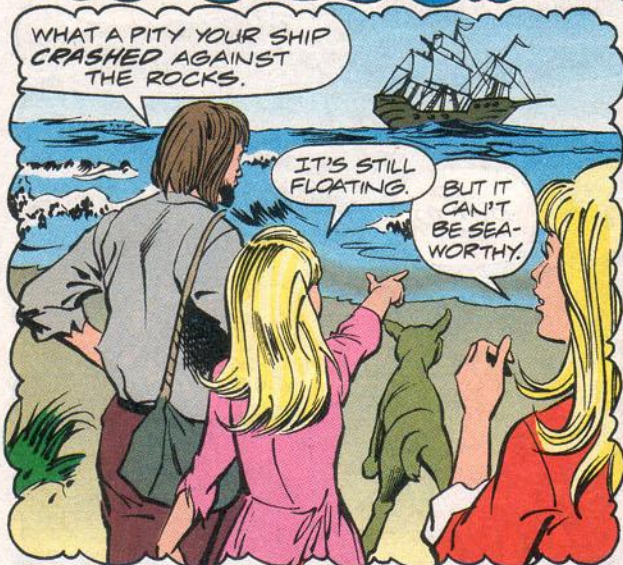
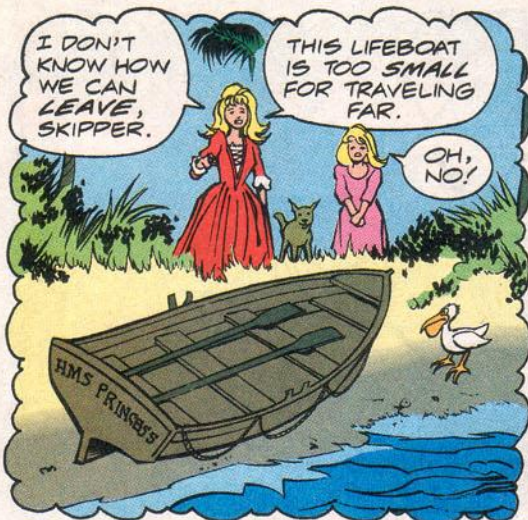
--R.C. HAS BEEN  
HERE FOR 28  
YEARS!!!

THAT WON'T  
HAPPEN TO  
US, WILL IT,  
BARBIE??



GOOD GRIEF!  
THERE'RE 28  
NOTCHES! THAT  
MEANS--





END  
Part 2



**SHIPWRECKED!**

**PART 3:  
BON  
VOYAGE**



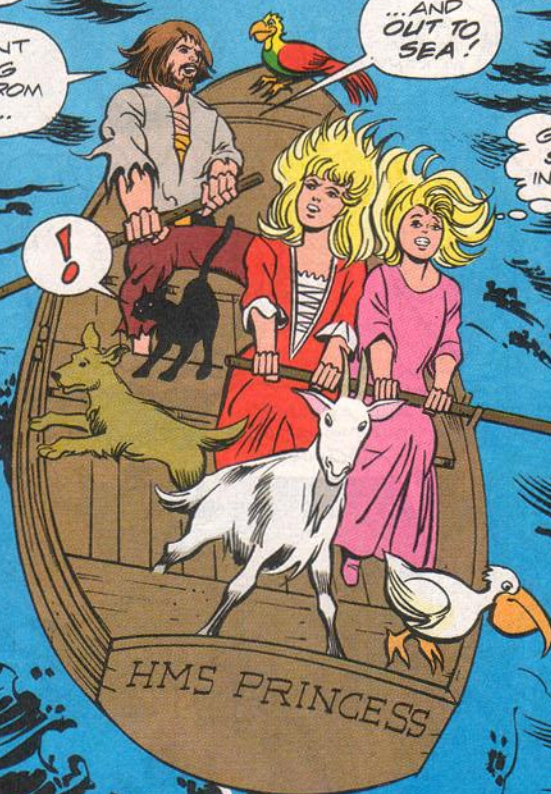
ROW HARDER,  
SKIPPER AND  
BARBIE!

THE CURRENT  
IS PULLING  
US AWAY FROM  
YOUR SHIP...

...AND  
OUT TO  
SEA!

GEEZ!...GETTING  
SHIPWRECKED  
IN THE 1600'S ISN'T  
EASY!

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THE CURRENT IS WEAKENING!

WE'LL BE ON OUR SHIP SOON, SKIPPER.



WITHIN THE HOUR...

WHEW! WE MADE IT.

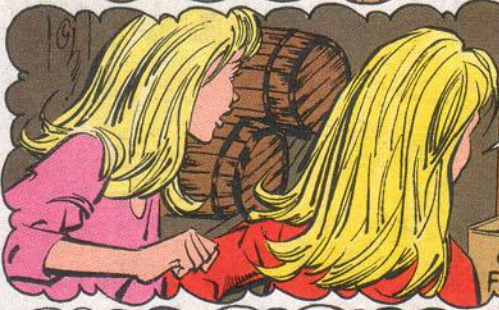
THANK GOODNESS!



SKIPPER AND I WILL GO BELOW TO LOOK FOR FOOD.



I'LL LOOK AROUND FOR OTHER SUPPLIES WE CAN BRING BACK TO THE ISLAND.



LET'S HOPE THE WATER DIDN'T RUIN OUR SUPPLIES.



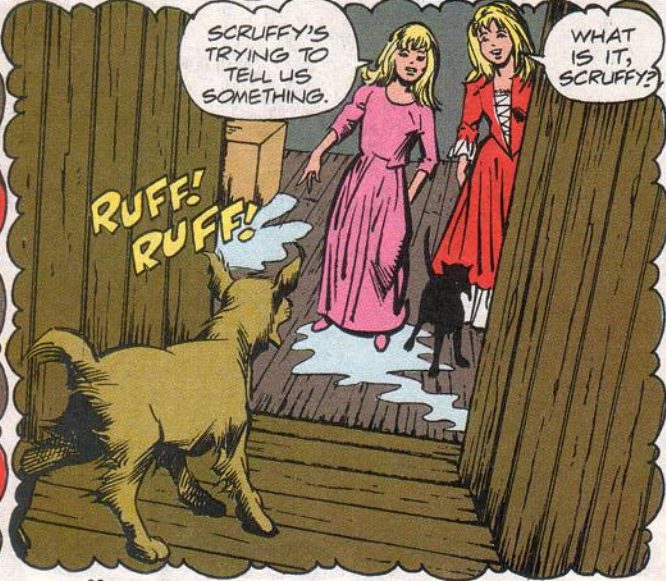
THE BUBBLE GUM IS STILL GOOD.

LOOKS LIKE THE CAT FOOD IS, TOO!

BUBBLE GUM

BUBBLE GUM

MEOW!



SCRUFFY'S TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING.

WHAT IS IT, SCRUFFY?

RUFF! RUFF!



OH, NO!  
SCRUFFY'S TRYING  
TO TELL US THAT  
THE LIFEBOAT  
GOT LOOSE!

IT'S  
DRIFTING  
AWAY.

THIS MORNING I  
WAS UPSET ABOUT  
BEING STRANDED  
ON R.C.'S ISLAND...

...NOW THAT  
SEEMS LIKE  
PARADISE  
COMPARED TO...

HERE'S  
R.C.

MAYBE HE'LL  
KNOW WHAT  
TO DO.

...BEING  
STUCK ON  
A SINKING  
SHIP!

R.C., OUR  
LIFEBOAT  
IS LOST!

PANIC  
NOT.  
THERE  
IS NO  
NEED  
FOR  
CONCERN.

WHAT ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT, R.C.?!  
OUR SHIP IS SINKING  
AND WE CAN'T SWIM  
TO THE ISLAND.

TRUE. THE  
CURRENT IS  
TREACHEROUS.



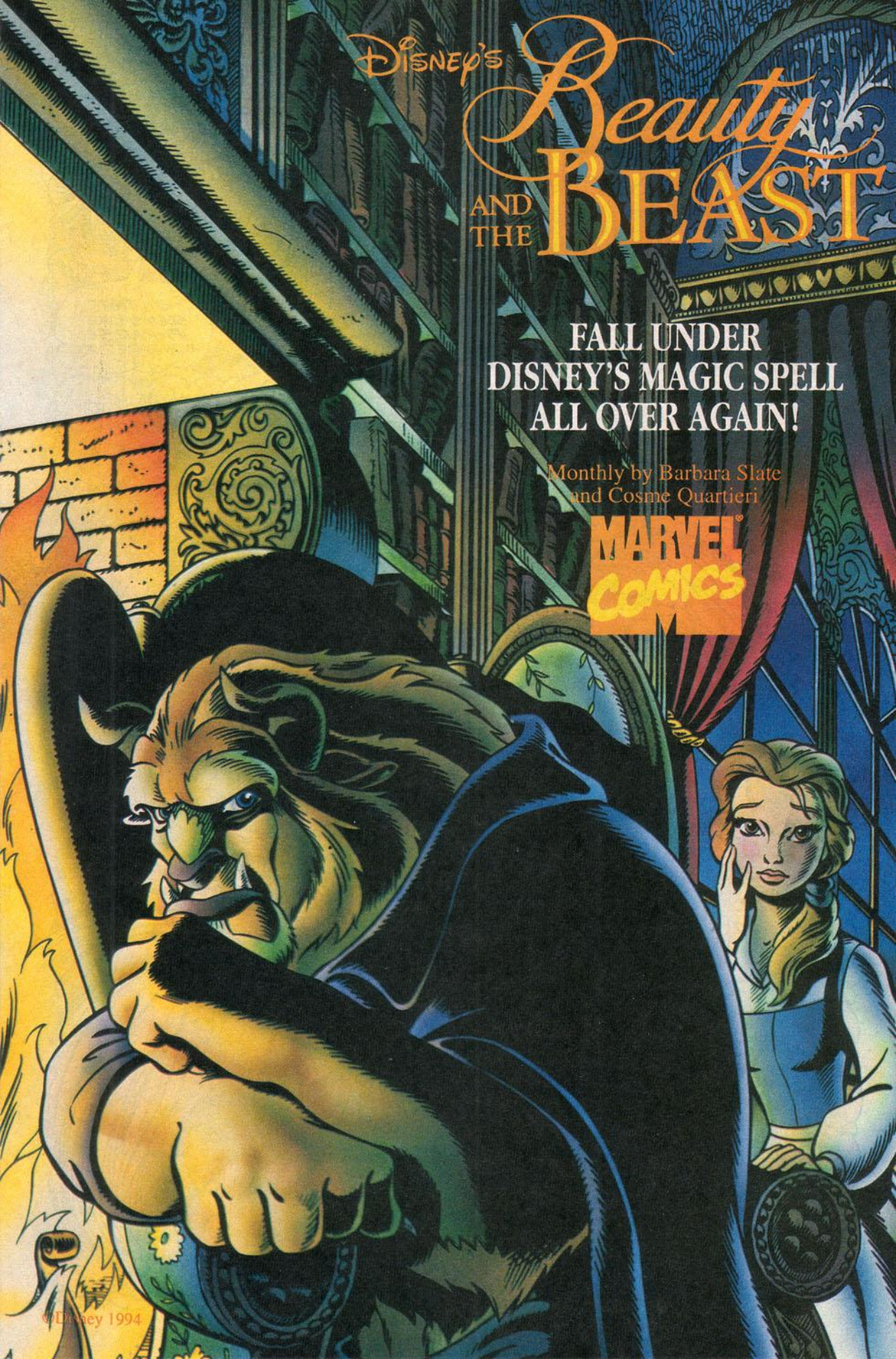
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# Beauty AND THE BEAST

FALL UNDER  
DISNEY'S MAGIC SPELL  
ALL OVER AGAIN!

Monthly by Barbara Slate  
and Cosme Quartieri

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WHILE BELOW, I WAS ABLE TO REPAIR THE SHIP'S LEAK WITH A SUBSTANCE I'VE NEVER

**BUBBLE GUM!**

**BUBBLE GUM**

OH, BARBIE! I'M SO EXCITED!

YES, SKIPPER, WE'RE ALL GOING HOME!

INCLUDING ME!

R.C. YOU'RE A GENIUS!

NOOOO... I'M NOT A GENIUS...

...BUT I AM **INGENIOUS!**

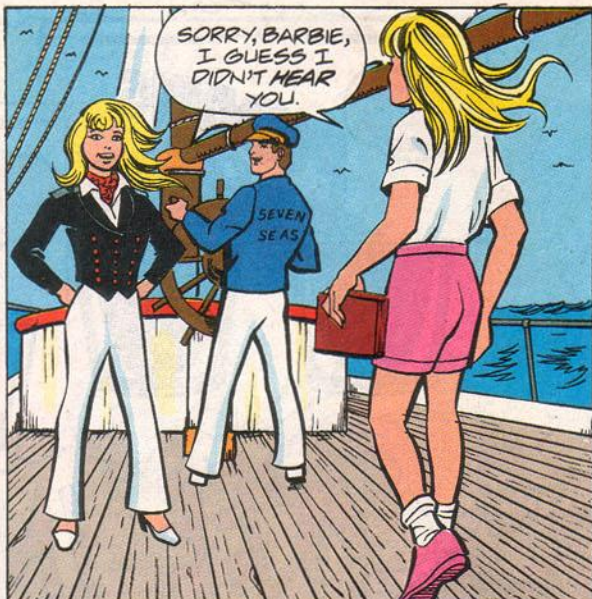
IT'S A GORGEOUS NIGHT FOR A **SUNSET CRUISE.**

CARE TO JOIN ME, BARBIE AND SKIPPER?

SKIPPER?

SKIPPER?





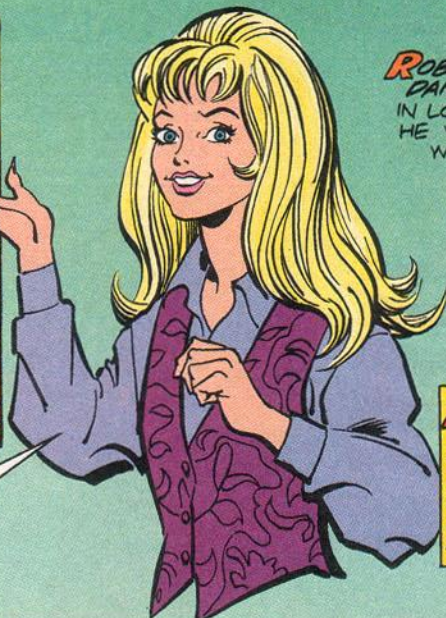


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# DID YOU KNOW?...



MEN WORE POWDERED WIGS, TOO.



**ROBINSON CRUSOE** AUTHOR, **DANIEL DEFOE**, WAS BORN IN LONDON, ENGLAND IN 1600. HE WAS A BUSINESSMAN WITH **STRONG OPINIONS**.

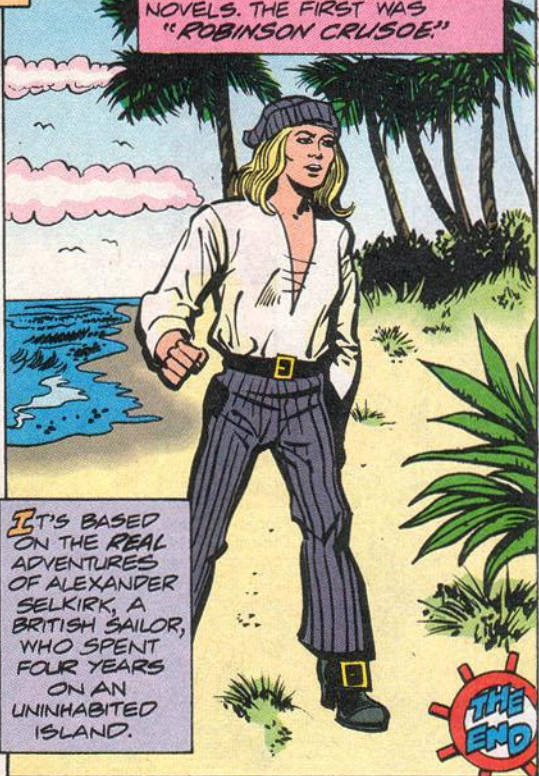
BACK THEN, BEFORE NEWSPAPERS OR T.V. WERE INVENTED, PEOPLE **SHARED THEIR OPINIONS** BY WRITING PAMPHLETS.

**I**N 1698, MR. DEFOE WROTE A PAMPHLET SUGGESTING COLLEGES FOR WOMEN, BETTER ROADS, MORE HOSPITALS, NO DEBTORS' PRISONS AND A NATIONAL BANK.

**H**IS IDEAS SEEM ORDINARY TODAY... BUT IN THE 1600'S THEY WERE **REVOLUTIONARY** AND MR. DEFOE WAS PUT IN PRISON FOR A TIME.



**A**T 60, MR. DEFOE RETIRED FROM BUSINESS AND WROTE NOVELS. THE FIRST WAS "**ROBINSON CRUSOE**."



**I**T'S BASED ON THE REAL ADVENTURES OF ALEXANDER SELKIRK, A BRITISH SAILOR, WHO SPENT FOUR YEARS ON AN UNINHABITED ISLAND.





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## CALYPSO CRAZE

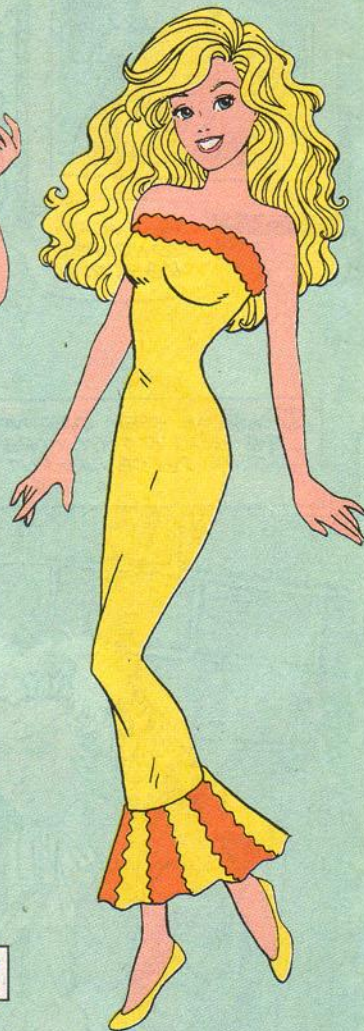
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Megan Doliwin, age 7  
Clearwater, FL



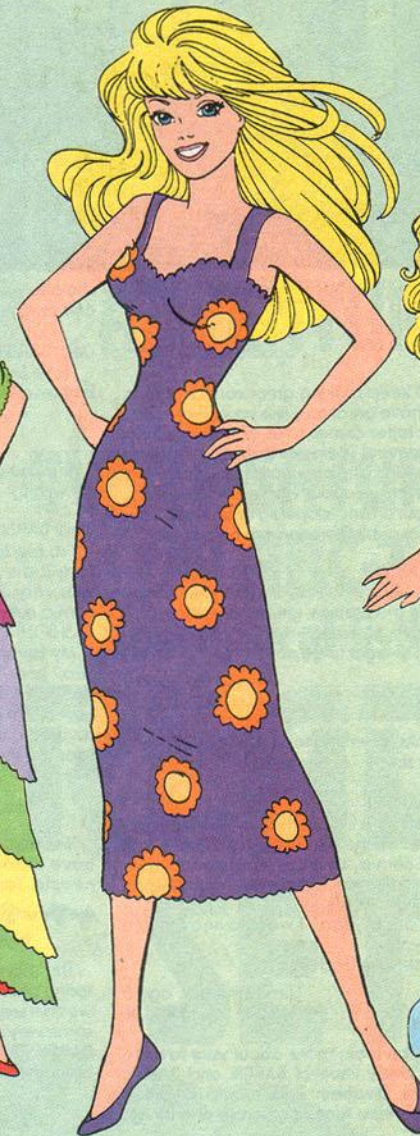
Lindsay Harper  
Henderson, NV



Patrice Burger, age 9  
Union City, CA



Dorothy Cheng, age 8  
Montclair, NJ



Sarah Fisher, age 8  
Tallmadge, OH



Jessica Del Re, age 7  
Cleveland, OH



# LETTERS TO



# Barbie™

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**Write to: BARBIE Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016**

Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear BARBIE,

I am 5 years old and I love all kinds of Barbie stuff! I have so many Barbie dolls, and other Barbie stuff. I love your comic books. My daddy and mom read me your comic books all the time. They also read me Barbie comics for bedtime stories.

This summer I will be going to day camp. I love camp very much. I like to be with my camp friends all the time. We go swimming almost every day, and it's my favorite thing to do.

My daddy and mom helped me to write this letter. I love them very much!

Ashley Michelle Stope, age 5  
Canada

Camp sounds like fun, Ashley! We hope you have a wonderful time! And we're very glad that your mom and dad helped you to write to us. When you're a little older, you'll be writing to us on your own!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Nancy. I love to read comics. I'm a collector. I collect different comics, but BARBIE is my favorite. The stories are really cool. My favorite issue is the one that just came out.

I have many Barbie dolls, and other Barbie stuff. Well, I have to go now! Bye!

Nancy Culver  
Musk, MI

Many people who read BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION are collectors, Nancy, so you're in good company!

Dear BARBIE,

I never read a BARBIE comic book in my life until my friend gave me two issues. I really enjoy reading them. I hope to read many more!

Robyn Miller, age 13  
Reidsville, NC

It's good to have friends like that, Robyn! One way to be sure you'll never miss an issue of BARBIE or BARBIE FASHION is to become a subscriber! Then you will get every monthly issue at home through the mail!

If you'd like to subscribe, you'll find a form in this very issue! Be sure to check with an adult before sending it in!

Dear BARBIE,

I'm just crazy about you! I love your comics, especially your Halloween issue.

I bet you've got a lot of fans. Well, you

must because you make great comics! Keep it up!

Gwenda Shim, age 8  
Sabah, East Malaysia

We'll keep making great comics as long as we have great fans like you, Gwenda!

Your letter comes to us all the way from East Malaysia! There are Barbie fans all over the world! If any of our other readers want to know more about where Gwenda lives, check out an encyclopedia or an atlas. Your school or public librarian can help you!

Dear BARBIE,

My sister and I really like BARBIE comics. You are the prettiest girl I have ever seen. I love how you dress.

Well, I've got to go now!

Melissa Nery, age 9  
Los Angeles, CA

Thanks for writing to us, Melissa! Say hello to your sister!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Elizabeth Tracy. I am 8 years old. I am in the second grade. I have four BARBIE comics. They are really good! I have lots of dolls, too. I have been collecting them since I was 3.

You are my idol. I want to know more about you!

Please write back! Bye!

Elizabeth Tracy, age 8  
Springfield, IL

You can learn more about your favorite doll in every issue of BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION, Elizabeth! Each month is a different adventure featuring Barbie and all her friends!

By the way, we want you and all of our readers to know that we cannot write back to every person who writes to us. We wish we could! But we receive hundreds of letters every week. There just isn't time to respond to each one! But we do read all of them, and print as many as we have room for right here each month! So keep writing to us! Thanks!

Dear BARBIE,

I like your comics! I think they are cool! I save my money to buy your comics. I was wondering if you ever wear grey?

Ilana Vega  
APO, NY

Barbie loves to wear all colors, Ilana! Bright, vibrant colors are her favorite, but

she also wears black, dark blue, and grey — and always looks great!

Dear BARBIE,

I love Barbie and BARBIE comics. I hope Barbies are never out of style. Barbie is cool!

Jean Leger, age 7  
Albuquerque, NM

We couldn't agree more, Jean! Thanks for writing!

Dear BARBIE FASHION,

I'm glad BARBIE FASHION came out! Before it did, there were no real comics! I was very interested in. Then the coolest comics ever came out — BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION!

My favorite stories were "Adventure at Sea," and "Let's Hear It For Grandpa Sam." BARBIE FASHION comics always have great covers. I'm glad I subscribed! I think my very favorite comic was the one about Barbie racing in the Indy 500!

Tori Noble, age 10  
Phoenix, AZ

We think BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION have made comic readers out of lots of people, Tori! Thanks for writing!

## BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

The month of March! With the first day of spring on the 20th of March, we can expect warmer weather, melting snow and ice, and some very special birthdays! The BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers who will be celebrating their special days this month are:

3/1, Sandy Harris, 12, Brooklyn, NY

3/7, Jennifer Biggs, 9, Hamilton,  
Ontario, Canada

3/12, Danielle Ammon, Kansas City, MO

3/14, Ashlie Greenfield, 9, Whitesboro, TX

3/14, Margot Orlando, 7, Woodstock, NY

3/20, Amanda May Rowan, 8, Roanoke, IN

3/22, Ryan Mulholland, 8, Chandler, AZ

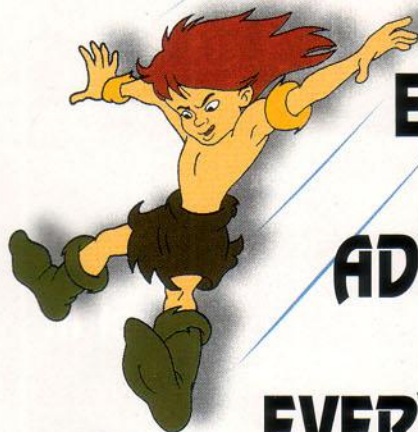
3/31, Eva Marie d'Onofrio, 13, Brooklyn, NY

3/31, Madeline Molina, 11, Jersey City, NJ

Joanna Derzius, 9, Hubbardston, MA

Happy birthday to these and all the BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers celebrating a birthday this month! If you'd like to see your special day listed here, send your name, age, full address and birthday to the address at the top of this page. Please send it to us at least six months ahead of time to be sure we won't miss printing it!

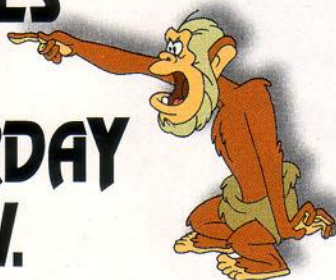




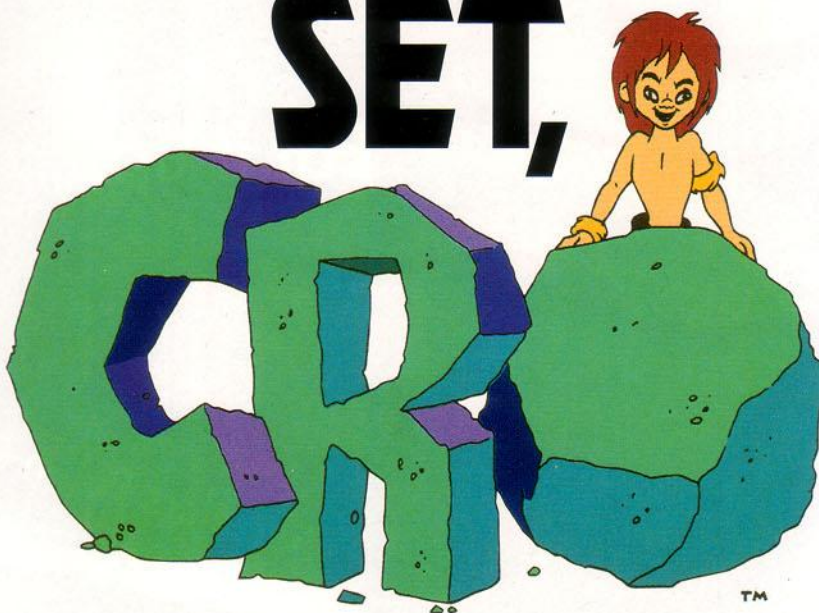
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